

## CURRENT BILL STATUS

MEASURE : S.B. No. 419  
AUTHOR(S) : Kehoe (Coauthor: Assembly Member Saldana).  
TOPIC : San Diego River Conservancy.  
+LAST AMENDED DATE : 07/10/2007

### TYPE OF BILL :

Inactive  
Non-Urgency  
Non-Appropriations  
Majority Vote Required  
Non-State-Mandated Local Program  
Fiscal  
Non-Tax Levy

LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 10/13/2007  
LAST HIST. ACTION : Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 646,  
Statutes of 2007.  
COMM. ACTION DATE : 08/30/2007  
COMM. ACTION : Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules.  
COMM. VOTE SUMMARY : Ayes: 12 Noes: 05 PASS

TITLE : An act to amend Sections 32631, 32632, 32633, 32634,  
32639, 32645, 32646, and 32661 of the Public Resources  
Code, relating to the San Diego River Conservancy.

## BILL ANALYSIS

**Date of Hearing: June 16, 2008**

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
Loni Hancock, Chair  
SB 1428 (Kehoe) - As Amended: May 27, 2008

SENATE VOTE : 25-12

SUBJECT : San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC)

SUMMARY : Extends the SDRC's sunset from 2010 to 2020.  
Permits the Mayor of San Diego to appoint a designee to serve on  
the SDRC.

EXISTING LAW :

- 1) Established the SDRC in 2002 and authorizes the SDRC to acquire and accept donations of land or interests in land which are located within one-half mile of the San Diego river and its tributaries and historic flumes and otherwise within the San Diego River Watershed.
- 2) Prohibits the SDRC from levying taxes, regulating land use, and exercising the power of eminent domain.
- 3) Specifies the SDRC's governing board of eleven members

including the Secretary of Resources, the Director of Finance, the Director of Parks and Recreation, each of whom may appoint a designee, the mayor of San Diego, a San Diego City Council member, a San Diego County Supervisor, and five public members. Of the five public members, three are appointed by the Governor and the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Speaker appoint one each.

4)Sunsets the SDRC on January 1, 2010.

FISCAL EFFECT : Unknown costs beginning in 2010 for continued operation of the SDRC.

COMMENTS :

1)Purpose of the bill. According to the author, since its creation in 2003, the Conservancy has worked with the many jurisdictions along the river to develop recreation, habitat preservation, education and research opportunities. The San Diego River is an important historic, archaeological and cultural area within California. By extending the sunset date to January 1, 2020, the Conservancy's long term planning and development will be permitted to continue. Allowing the Mayor of San Diego to appoint a designee to serve as his or her alternate will allow for increased participation of the Mayor's office at the governing board meetings. Since the Conservancy was established, the City of San Diego has shifted to a new strong-mayor form of governance.

2)Is an extension justified at this time? The SDRC does not sunset until 2010, so this bill comes a year earlier than necessary. The SDRC has shown progress developing plans and collaborating with local organizations and other state agencies, such as the Resources Agency and Coastal Conservancy. SDRC has assisted the Resources Agency and the State Coastal Conservancy in selecting grants for about \$15 million worth of projects from Propositions 13, 40, and Proposition 84 monies, but SDRC has received only one direct appropriation for \$500,000 in 2007-08. It has not yet achieved significant independent funding to achieve its purposes.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION :

Support

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy  
San Diego Councilmember Toni Atkins  
San Diego River Conservancy  
San Diego River Park Foundation

Opposition

None on file

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